

## **FEMA Denton MOC Team as the Region 6 Watch, 940-898-5280**

**FEMA REGION 6 SPOT REPORT #1: Explosion with HAZMAT Release – TX**  
**CIR: Any event in the Region receiving wide media coverage (local or national) likely resulting in a DHS or White House request for information.**

**Incident Description:** An initial report of an explosion at an oil refinery in Jefferson County, TX was received. A subsequent chemical release resulted in an evacuation order.

**Time of Incident:** 0100 CT 27 Nov 2019

### **Sources:**

- TX SOC
- Open Source
- DOE Eagle-I

### **Current Situation:**

- The TX SOC received a report of an explosion at the TPC Group Refinery – City of Port Neches (Jefferson County, TX). There was a release of Butadiene, which prompted an evacuation order (shelter-in-place) for a ½ mile radius around the incident. Plant emergency responders as well as local fire crews have pulled back due to the potential for secondary explosions. Jefferson County Airport is being used as a medical staging area. There have been numerous reports of broken windows and doors being blown off structures.

### **Impacts:**

<b>Transportation:</b>	No Reports
<b>Food, Water, Sheltering:</b>	1 Shelter open (1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church – Nederland, TX)
<b>Energy (Power &amp; Fuel):</b>	1042 (Statewide)
<b>Health &amp; Medical:</b>	No fatalities reported; 1 injury at this time
<b>Safety &amp; Security:</b>	Structural damages (windows and doors)
<b>Communication:</b>	No Reports
<b>Hazardous Waste:</b>	No Reports

### **State/Local Response:**

- TX SOC is at Normal Operations

### **FEMA Response:**

- R6 RRCC: Not Activated
- R6 RWC: Normal Operations
- No request for FEMA assistance
- **FEMA R6 IMAT-1:** PMC due to vacancies
- **FEMA R6 IMAT-2:** Reconstituting through 30 Nov 2019

Denton MOC will continue to monitor and report further developments as warranted.



